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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
 NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
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## NMFS REMINDER OF SEASON LENGTHS AND QUOTAS FOR THE 2005 SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTER COMMERCIAL SHARK FISHERY

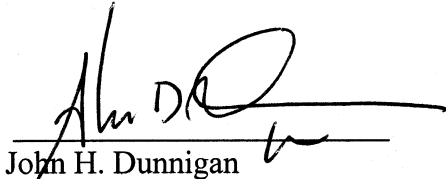
Below are the **FINAL** 2005 second and third trimester season quotas, and opening and closing dates. A previous fax notice had an incorrect season opening date for the North Atlantic region. **The correct season opening date for the North Atlantic region is July 21, 2005.**

Second Trimester Season				
Species Group	Region	Opening Date	Closure date	Quota
Large Coastal Sharks- i.e., sandbar, silky, tiger, blacktip, spinner, bull, lemon, nurse, hammerheads (annual quota 1,017 mt dw)	Gulf of Mexico	July 6, 2005	July 23, 2005 11:30 p.m. local time	148 mt dw (325,839 lb dw)
	South Atlantic	July 6, 2005	None – Closes in 3 <sup>rd</sup> season	182 mt dw (401,237 lb dw)
	North Atlantic	<b>JULY 21, 2005</b>		65 mt dw (143,739 lb dw)
Small Coastal Sharks- i.e., Atlantic sharpnose, finetooth, blacknose, bonnethead (annual quota 454 mt dw)	Gulf of Mexico	May 1, 2005	To be determined, as necessary	31 mt dw (67,240 lb dw)
	South Atlantic			281 mt dw (620,153 lb dw)
	North Atlantic			23 mt dw (50,706 dw)
Blue sharks (annual quota 273 mt dw)	No regional quotas	May 1, 2005	To be determined, as necessary	91 mt dw (200,619 lb dw)
Porbeagle sharks (annual quota 92 mt dw)				31 mt dw (67,681 lb dw)
Pelagic sharks other than blue or porbeagle (annual quota 488 mt dw)				163 mt dw (358,688 lb dw)
Third Trimester Season				
Species Group	Region	Opening Date	Closure date	Quota
Large Coastal Sharks- i.e., sandbar, silky, tiger, blacktip, spinner, bull, lemon, nurse, hammerheads (annual quota 1,017 mt dw)	Gulf of Mexico	September 1, 2005	October 31, 2005 11:30 p.m. local time	168 mt dw (369,711 lb dw)
	South Atlantic	September 1, 2005	November 15, 2005 11:30 p.m. local time	188 mt dw (413,362 lb dw)
	North Atlantic	September 1, 2005	September 15, 2005 11:30 p.m. local time	5 mt dw (10,582 lb dw)
Small Coastal Sharks- i.e., Atlantic sharpnose, finetooth, blacknose, bonnethead (annual quota 454 mt dw)	Gulf of Mexico	September 1, 2005	To be determined, as necessary	32 mt dw (69,885 lb dw)
	South Atlantic			201.1 mt dw (443,345 lb dw)
	North Atlantic			16 mt dw (35,053 lb dw)
Blue sharks (annual quota 273 mt dw)	No regional quotas	September 1, 2005	To be determined, as necessary	91 mt dw (200,619 lb dw)
Porbeagle sharks (annual quota 92 mt dw)				31 mt dw (67,681 lb dw)
Pelagic sharks other than blue or porbeagle (annual quota 488 mt dw)				163 mt dw (358,688 lb dw)



A final rule to adjust the quotas based on over- or underharvests, and announce the season opening and closing dates published on April 27, 2005 (70 FR 21673). The Federal Register notice lists the correct opening and closing dates for the second and third trimester shark fishing seasons. A proposed rule to adjust and announce the opening and closing dates for the first 2006 season is expected to publish in fall 2005.

This FAX notice is a courtesy to HMS fishery participants to help keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishing actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of Federal Register. For further information on this final rule, contact Chris Rilling, Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301-713-2347. Copies of the final rule are available upon request from the Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone: 301-713-2347, fax: 301-713-1917). The information will also be posted on the HMS website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>.



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